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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT - FSO BAKER SEEKING POSITION WITH DIGGS

SUB-COMMITTEE

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED KEN OWENS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON THAT FSO BAKER SEEKING POSITION WITH DIGGS SUB-COMMITTEE (VICE BUTCHER). UNDER HEADLINE "NEGRO DIPLOMAT SEEKS JOB WITH ANTI-APARTHEID MAN", DURBAN SUNDAY TRIP VERSION CONCLUDES: "IF HE GETS JOB, SAG WILL REVIEW ATTEMPTS BY USG TO SEND BLACK DIPLOMATS TO SA IF THEY LIKELY TO USE THEIR EXPERIENCE TO TRY TO TOPPLE THE WHITES". CLIPPINGS BEING POUCHED.

2. NEITHER BAKER NOR EMBASSY DIRECTLY APPROACHED BY PRESS AS YET AND IN ANY EVENT WE DO NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO COMMENT. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, INFORMALLY ADVISING DFA THAT (A) DIGGS RAISED PROSPECT OF BAKER JOINING COMMITTEE, NOT VICE VERSA, (B) BAKER DUE FOR TRANSFER IN JUNE AND ONWARD ASSIGNMENT NOT RPT NOT KNOWN, (C) SUB-COMMITTEE POSSIBILITY WAS DISCUSSED WITH DIGGS DURING RECENT BAKER TRIP TO US ON TOTALLY UNRELATED MATTER, (D) NO NO RPT NO FIRM DECISION MADE BY EITHER PARTY.

3. DEPT MAY WISH TO ADVISE CONGRESSMAN DIGGS OF LOCAL PRESS INTEREST.

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